

1723

Certificate Under 37 CFR 1.8(a)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service with sufficient postage as first-class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents and Trademarks, Washington, D. C. 20231 on February 14, 2002

#2/
8-6-02
RECEIVED
MAR 06 2002
TC 1700



A. James Richardson
Attorney: A. James Richardson, Atty. Reg. No. 26,983

PATENT
Our Ref. No. 11074/006

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

| | | |
|------------------------------|---|-----------------------|
| In re: patent application of |) | |
| |) | |
| Gary L. Koteskey |) | Examiner: Unknown |
| |) | |
| BRISTLED SEPTIC FILTER |) | Group Art Unit: 1723 |
| |) | |
| Serial No.: 10/022,702 |) | Confirmation No. 2101 |
| |) | |
| Filed: December 13, 2001 |) | |

DISCLOSURE OF PRIOR ART UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.56

Commissioner for Patents
U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

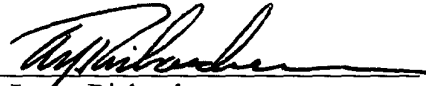
Sir:

In connection with the examination of the above-identified application, the applicants, through the subscribing attorney, hereby invite the Examiner's attention to the enclosed list of prior art.

While the attached list of prior art is believed to include the closest prior art of which the applicant is presently aware, the applicant does not represent that any search for prior art has necessarily been made nor that no better prior art exists. For the convenience of the Examiner, a copy of each piece of prior art listed is attached hereto. Since all of the listed

prior art documents are in the English language, no explanation of their relevance to the claimed invention is believed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



A. James Richardson
Reg. No. 26,983

BRINKS HOFER GILSON & LIONE
One Indiana Square, Suite 2425
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204-2033
Telephone: (317) 636-0886
Fax: (317) 634-6701

Attachments: Form 1449
Prior Art
Postcard

| | | |
|--|----------------------------------|------------------------|
| FORM PTO-1449 | SERIAL NO. 10/022,702 | CASE NO. 11074/006 |
| LIST OF PATENTS AND PUBLICATIONS FOR APPLICANT'S INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (use several sheets if necessary) | FILING DATE December 13, 2001 | GROUP ART UNIT 1723 |
| APPLICANT(S): Gary L. Koteskey | | |

| REFERENCE DESIGNATION | | U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | |
|-----------------------|-----|-----------------------|------------|----------------|--------------------|----------------|
| EXAMINER INITIAL | | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | NAME | CLASS/ SUBCLASS | FILING DATE |
| | A1 | 6,136,190 | 10/24/2000 | Zoeller et al. | 210/299 | 06/16/1999 |
| | A2 | 5,904,847 | 05/18/1999 | Bovington | 210/416.1 | 08/31/1998 |
| | A3 | 5,885,452 | 03/23/1999 | Koteskey | 210/309 | 05/28/1997 |
| | A4 | 5,762,793 | 06/09/1998 | Nurse, Jr. | 210/323.2 | 09/30/1996 |
| | A5 | 5,762,790 | 06/09/1998 | Zoeller | 210/238 | 06/02/1997 |
| | A6 | 5,690,824 | 11/25/1997 | Stuth | 210/333.01 | 05/17/1996 |
| | A7 | 5,683,577 | 11/04/1997 | Nurse, Jr. | 210/170 | 05/22/1996 |
| | A8 | 5,645,732 | 07/08/1997 | Daniels | 210/747 | 06/27/1995 |
| | A9 | 5,593,584 | 01/14/1997 | Nurse, Jr. | 210/346 | 05/08/1995 |
| | A10 | 5,582,744 | 12/10/1996 | Abel | 210/808 | 07/25/1994 |
| | A11 | 5,580,453 | 12/03/1996 | Nurse, Jr. | 210/323.2 | 08/11/1995 |
| | A12 | 4,783,259 | 11/08/1988 | Wade | 210/169 | 07/07/1986 |
| | A13 | 4,710,295 | 12/01/1987 | Zabel | 210/336 | 09/09/1985 |
| | A14 | 5,582,716 | 12/10/1996 | Nurse, Jr. | 210/121 | 05/08/1995 |
| | A15 | 4,167,482 | 09/11/1979 | Müller | 210/68 | 10/06/1977 |
| | A16 | 3,616,914 | 11/02/1971 | Reid | 210/107 | 08/12/1969 |
| | A17 | 3,527,351 | 09/08/1970 | Wade | 210/356 | 01/09/1969 |
| | A18 | 3,332,552 | 07/25/1967 | Zabel | 210/86 | 09/27/1963 |

| FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|--------------------|------|---------|--------------------|-----------------------|
| EXAMINER INITIAL | | DOCUMENT NUMBER | DATE | COUNTRY | CLASS/ SUBCLASS | TRANSLATION YES NO |
| | A19 | | | | | |
| | A20 | | | | | |
| | A21 | | | | | |

| EXAMINER INITIAL | OTHER ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, etc.) | |
|---------------------|--|--|
| | A22 | |
| | A23 | |
| | A24 | |

| | |
|----------|-----------------|
| EXAMINER | DATE CONSIDERED |
|----------|-----------------|

EXAMINER: Initial if reference considered, whether or not citation is in conformance with MPEP 609; Draw line through citation if not in conformance and not considered. Include copy of this form with next communication to applicant.

RECEIVED
MAR 06 2002
TC 1700